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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES DECLINE

NEW YORK, November 5--Dun & Bradstreet reports that building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities fell 17.4 per cent in January 1982 to $2,426,680,628 from $2,936,349,570 the month earlier. But, compared with their year-ago January 1981 level of $2,441,439,024, permits in these 200 cities were off a much milder 0.6 per cent.

Permit values in the 199 cities outside New York totalled $2,367,418,134 in the first month of 1982. That was 6.7 per cent less than the $2,537,086,241 registered the month prior. Yet, in relation to their January 1981 reading of $2,365,104,658, permits for the 199 cities were actually up a slight 0.1 per cent.

Plans filed by builders in New York slowed quite considerably in January '82 to a level of $59,262,494. However, this came after four months of very sharp increases that saw filings zoom from $63,646,409 (in August '81) to a very high level of $399,263,329 in December '81. So, despite a huge 85.2 per cent month-to-month fall-off for the city, filings were down a somewhat less severe 22.4 per cent when matched against their year-earlier, January 1981 performance of $76,334,366.

Houston paced the nation in building permit values during the first month of 1982, with a volume of some $242.5 million. This represented a 35.1 per cent advance for the Texas city from its comparable year-earlier mark of $179.6 million. Measured in terms of percentage increases from last year, several other cities showed very large improvements in valuations over January 1981 levels. Chief among them were Miami Beach and Long Beach, California, each with dollar permit volume jumping more than tenfold. Other big percentage gainers (in January '82 vs. January '81 figures) included Cambridge, Philadelphia, Nashville, Irving, Texas, Tulsa, New Orleans, Austin and Columbus.

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2. JANUARY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1979 - 1982

	1982	1981	1980	1979
January.....	$ 2,426,680,628	$ 2,441,439,024*	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126
February.....		2,457,686,843	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184
March.....		2,808,493,415	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618
April.....		3,481,506,512R	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009
May.....		3,124,584,111R	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467
June.....		3,554,241,240	2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539
July.....		3,204,502,067	2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050
August.....		2,971,049,370	2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135
September.....		3,411,191,417	2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489
October.....		2,713,845,713	3,281,845,380	2,899,533,662
November.....		2,286,832,358	2,736,073,957	2,495,786,359
December.....		2,875,429,515	3,233,145,536	2,184,572,996
TOTAL.....		$35,330,801,585	$32,275,311,852	$30,015,602,634

R = Revised

*January 1981 revised to cover the largest 200 cities as enumerated in 1980 Census, the new rankings initiated in this January 1982 report.

Of the 200 cities included in this series, the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first month of 1982 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		January 1982	% Change January 1981
1.	Houston, Texas.....	242.5	+ 35.1
2.	Austin, Texas.....	107.7	+ 150.7
3.	Miami Beach, Florida.....	90.7	+ 913.6
4.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.....	83.9	+ 323.4
5.	Columbus, Ohio.....	81.1	+ 101.7
6.	Irving, Texas.....	80.2	+ 215.8
7.	Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	76.4	+ 172.6
8.	Los Angeles, California.....	73.2	- 29.6
9.	Chicago, Illinois.....	66.2	+ 49.3
10.	Dallas, Texas.....	60.7	+ 28.8
11.	New York, New York.....	59.3	- 22.4
12.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	59.2	+ 48.9
13.	Long Beach, California.....	58.3	+ 913.3
14.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.....	57.9	- 48.6
15.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	37.2	- 25.1
16.	San Antonio, Texas.....	35.7	- 28.0
17.	San Diego, California.....	34.8	+ 40.1
18.	Seattle, Washington.....	32.1	- 33.6
19.	San Francisco, California.....	31.9	+ 6.9
20.	New Orleans, Louisiana.....	27.8	+ 165.6
21.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	24.3	- 44.0
22.	Cambridge, Massachusetts.....	23.2	+ 372.0
23.	Nashville, Tennessee.....	23.1	+ 224.3
24.	Sacramento, California.....	22.7	+ 56.3
25.	San Jose, California.....	22.4	- 39.5

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1980 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		JANUARY 1982	DECEMBER 1981	JANUARY 1981
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK			
	MANHATTAN	$ 44,208,186	$ 346,264,025	$ 33,782,200
	BRONX	515,700	13,242,500	3,946,400
	BROOKLYN	3,498,100	15,091,780	4,582,830
	QUEENS	9,859,100	5,646,200	29,221,900
	STATEN ISLAND	1,181,408	19,018,824	4,801,016
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	59,262,494	399,263,329	76,334,366
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	66,167,617	88,478,074	44,321,080
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	73,244,132	226,779,420	103,986,248
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	83,897,683	14,702,891	19,816,354
5.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	242,498,807	311,796,732	179,558,472
6.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	4,980,241	9,477,271	11,156,444
7.	DALLAS, TEXAS	60,720,473	100,724,255	47,138,597
8.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	34,834,986	31,979,127	24,870,054
9.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	24,304,360	36,809,448	43,393,598
10.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	7,946,884	18,628,191	15,660,809
11.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	35,749,204	42,068,901	49,669,726
12.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	7,129,132	32,386,284	10,198,661
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	31,869,139	46,072,622	29,805,870
14.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	15,088,044	12,394,446	29,832,628
15.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	7,216,815	40,136,730	33,933,423
16.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	22,393,384	21,339,640	37,000,333
17.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	8,618,961	4,526,180	16,957,714
18.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	8,549,025	16,156,752	7,944,056
19.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	81,147,125	14,231,269	40,234,141
20.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	4,056,350	14,494,500	79,298,000
21.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	27,751,688	128,104,536	10,447,917
22.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	14,276,360	26,509,726	31,469,092
23.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	32,126,135	11,733,196	48,396,546
24.	DENVER, COLORADO	10,779,176	55,589,150	73,831,164
25.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	23,147,605	7,469,935	7,137,333
26.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	13,541,199	28,157,140	4,732,713
27.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	10,059,644	12,009,870	7,550,406
28.	EL PASO, TEXAS	12,335,027	7,375,365	24,151,395
29.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	37,229,409	11,575,948	49,686,091
30.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	57,933,160	3,793,297	112,685,201
31.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	59,184,077	31,991,173	39,738,472
32.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	7,198,480	12,584,930	10,791,979
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	14,799,531	19,183,289	21,884,831
34.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	11,456,521	27,990,367	9,032,528
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	18,742,565	23,308,060	23,901,115
36.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	14,575,628	29,188,954	59,336,049
37.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	58,265,370	22,621,595	5,749,820
38.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	76 379,000	36,554,400	28,018,700
39.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	16,370,542	5,940,627	1,529,623
40.	TOLEDO, OHIO	4,289,639	2,759,705	9,558,896
41.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	21,915,223	30,557,135	11,811,412
42.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	107,680,989	45,281,800	42,947,400
43.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	14,087,718	10,468,781	7,499,246
44.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	21,845,631	21,633,693	11,381,719
45.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	13,719,364	11,791,389	9,908,869
46.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	831,070	14,336,474	1,076,150
47.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	12,046,496	14,106,153	21,051,659
48.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	12,099,337	3,195,776	7,979,750
49.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	1,147,127	1,548,531	5,577,610
50.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	12,949,905	13,818,236	8,735,952
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	7,464,713	10,620,115	11,949,316
52.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	22,710,745	7,068,903	14,527,593
53.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	9,903,904	12,823,473	15,377,169
54.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	10,877,762	7,407,056	3,514,486
55.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	11,365,674	3,948,368	3,234,553
56.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	20,181,856	18,460,459	24,542,010
57.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	7,906,960	5,369,641	618,567
58.	AKRON, OHIO	4,127,944	1,957,034	4,752,032
59.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	2,695,211	2,498,165	11,583,664
60.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	21,200,099	19,127,711	19,726,910
61.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	1,535,895	4,826,780	822,800
62.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	11,304,185	8,839,124	8,431,668
63.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	6,785,740	19,191,918	20,024,580
64.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	3,736,923	14,013,138	2,790,595
65.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	4,119,727	9,334,211	8,631,862
66.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	11,647,240	21,808,514	11,945,608
67.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	6,869,442	10,410,682	5,062,726
68.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	2,322,963	23,509,732	17,599,022
69.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	2,474,894	7,267,266	5,081,405
70.	DAYTON, OHIO	2,973,958	2,832,968	4,968,596
71.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	2,405,221	1,381,448	3,421,669
72.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	4,439,002	5,339,471	8,672,050
73.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	1,289,700	1,477,140	265,000
74.	DES MOINES, IOWA	1,390,533	6,299,370	2,078,324
75.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	9,967,976	10,483,989	6,200,782
76.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	430,250	5,486,118	7,753,630
77.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	6,016,400	3,677,500	3,988,700
78.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	9,571,291	9,520,901	10,331,805
79.	ANCHORAGE, ALASKA	11,195,896	3,507,288	2,424,184
80.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	1,414,273	4,313,590	1,434,835
81.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	4,066,229	2,782,210	4,292,490
82.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	1,064,693	4,168,172	7,136,372
83.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	1,346,734	1,983,788	9,407,733
84.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	2,582,632	5,046,283	2,977,959
85.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	2,125,270	2,215,808	8,806,446
86.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	882,541	5,052,399	1,957,445
87.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	1,152,964	1,710,336	3,803,795
88.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	9,657,671	3,647,561	9,784,592
89.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	4,768,975	31,559,374	29,929,095
90.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	7,534,605	16,774,193	2,626,935
91.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	1,498,358	2,855,897	1,735,615
92.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	184,750	88,175	45,069
93.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	456,068	1,261,799	1,335,806
94.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	4,970,742	7,436,420	17,688,864
95.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	1,679,099	1,185,939	863,551
96.	AURORA, COLORADO	15,952,409	9,479,390	13,463,107
97.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	3,338,075	2,482,847	13,220,011
98.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	2,053,329	7,044,657	4,084,204
99.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,436,850	1,270,800	181,850
100.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	6,352,543	5,154,093	4,090,649
101.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	$ 3,981,690	$ 7,316,772	$ 3,775,700
102.	MESA, ARIZONA	5,196,940	12,287,825	9,123,678
103.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	788,584	2,516,313	1,092,026
104.	GARY, INDIANA	294,085	576,598	565,000
105.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	1,933,239	6,420,391	3,412,375
106.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	7,093,156	6,987,470	7,908,742
107.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	3,168,972	14,800,422	10,942,044
108.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	4,526,142	1,936,445	1,979,567
109.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	1,883,618	3,480,333	6,004,036
110.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	228,100	314,349	461,675
111.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	2,103,423	1,876,051	5,843,537
112.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	2,306,002	5,433,291	2,278,565
113.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	1,033,319	5,729,123	3,311,523
114.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	2,778,023	5,766,042	2,905,375
115.	GARLAND, TEXAS	6,674,863	4,803,330	5,111,931
116.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	408,219	389,333	481,837
117.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	969,613	1,752,272	1,052,275
118.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	3,495,219	30,320,307	945,518
119.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	3,839,200	4,797,730	8,867,200
120.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAROLINA	7,756,165	10,879,080	6,697,706
121.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	6,157,985	2,770,070	6,808,005
122.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	834,550	2,333,523	1,148,449
123.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	906,454	2,562,910	6,527,513
124.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	2,788,248	3,951,050	6,473,799
125.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	1,163,700	1,955,813	5,437,440
126.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	1,805,490	4,466,600	910,900
127.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	605,193	435,553	1,038,753
128.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	1,173,077	1,475,586	2,139,049
129.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	2,393,002	7,180,477	4,276,589
130.	ERIE PENNSYLVANIA	7,683,200	258,000	136,900
131.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	2,472,490	1,854,552	11,755,009
132.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	3,904,109	1,672,964	10,349,403
133.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	3,054,017	5,241,387	3,147,066
134.	MACON, GEORGIA	2,787,322	10,564,368	4,812,230
135.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	117,500	341,650	635,500
136.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	1,664,150	2,802,400	3,057,238
137.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	1,507,217	1,543,937	2,125,252
138.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	17,764,928	5,747,367	3,219,307
139.	PASADENA, TEXAS	1,427,555	3,328,526	2,703,855
140.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	404,140	1,093,098	1,301,718
141.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	537,459	710,090	3,756,046
142.	IRVING, TEXAS	80,240,665	33,617,075	25,407,132
143.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	468,561	818,226	1,593,500
144.	STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN	343,350	199,337	1,022,880
145.	OXNARD, CALIFORNIA	1,330,687	765,929	659,125
146.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	6,776,598	3,785,478	964,385
147.	TEMPE, ARIZONA	13,493,200	9,504,000	23,834,500
148.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	2,344,837	3,964,418	10,030,163
149.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	211,000	252,300	415,000
150.	MODESTO, CALIFORNIA	3,040,000	1,201,000	3,752,000
151.	EUGENE, OREGON	1,076,083	2,278,812	6,287,702
152.	BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA	14,540,199	7,438,316	12,542,225
153.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	659,313	659,284	2,314,975
154.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	518,829	8,837,554	3,148,210
155.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	153,475	4,375,850	2,639,715
156.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	854,884	175,450	2,200,428
157.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	1,103,100	1,111,000	443,235
158.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	455,341	1,167,771	5,425,022
159.	CONCORD, CALIFORNIA	764,123	6,883,930	7,217,706
160.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	1,871,120	2,012,940	10,671,668
161.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	5,561,864	4,555,053	10,120,900
162.	BOISE, IDAHO	14,100,736	3,415,691	3,380,037
163.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	568,528	1,096,182	1,130,191
164.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	1,092,527	738,118	489,289
165.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	2,117,121	632,724	800,907
166.	WACO, TEXAS	2,246,688	1,843,676	4,225,423
167.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	1,515,573	2,494,434	3,221,479
168.	RENO, NEVADA	6,504,005	5,704,332	7,223,356
169.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	732,807	1,524,475	1,119,000
170.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	593,400	1,362,555	1,740,532
171.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	9,387,144	2,261,991	5,489,981
172.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	184,865	532,795	22,187,255
173.	ABILENE, TEXAS	12,834,977	4,541,553	6,164,988
174.	GLENDALE, ARIZONA	15,105,600	2,760,866	4,819,760
175.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	90,684,306	2,333,025	8,947,144
176.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	23,215,992	6,566,915	4,918,440
177.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	700,930	328,430	3,082,665
178.	CANTON, OHIO	5,184,750	227,250	1,428,638
179.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,518,041	4,055,632	1,291,434
180.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	7,090,501	7,855,440	6,174,217
181.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	5,749,444	2,880,166	8,703,773
182.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	636,256	1,761,720	489,600
183.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	233,500	911,245	282,680
184.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	771,905	390,071	532,129
185.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	4,352,656	5,165,115	4,694,401
186.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	103,000	994,500	295,582
187.	PARMA, OHIO	308,700	230,000	347,680
188.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	1,809,781	809,180	595,895
189.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	10,000	1,827,125	30,000
190.	ORANGE, CALIFORNIA	4,009,544	3,382,196	15,514,169
191.	LAREDO, TEXAS	3,092,036	19,065,355	2,759,391
192.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	4,335,180	590,497	561,362
193.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	1,672,876	1,501,885	706,411
194.	ODESSA, TEXAS	12,313,817	7,269,319	11,076,745
195.	SALEM, OREGON	690,885	1,312,046	8,317,673
196.	ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA	3,215,956	3,978,476	4,615,545
197.	SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA	10,853,878	9,014,119	6,483,777
198.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	2,139,630	5,656,293	3,224,815
199.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	3,993,509	150,750	105,745
200.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	1,498,643	5,177,550	918,160
	TOTAL: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	$2,426,680,628	$2,936,349,570	$2,441,439,024

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